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Majority prices were trending unchanged to higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was mixed with some areas reporting increased movement to cover the extended holiday weekend needs, whereas in parts of the Northeast, movement was not as aggressive as expected. Supplies were irregular, ranging more available to close balanced, at times tight on smaller sizes in the East. Processing schedules for next week were mostly part time with numerous plants down Monday. In the parts structure, supplies were adequate to closely cleared, particularly breast items and leg quarters. Movement was fair to good, best for holiday specials, with competition from other meat items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/04-09/08/00 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
(Including branded product)			WTD	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	AVG	LOADS
Chicago	48.00-53.00	48.00-63.50	51.71	26
Los Angeles	66.00			
New York	48.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				

Mississippi 60.00-62.00 53.00-65.00 61.59 79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
583	56.70-62.75	60.64
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	169.50*	3,997
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.50	1,163
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	729
LEG QUARTERS	25.50	7,677
WINGS	59.00	2,655

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was mixed entering the weekend with interest light where holiday purchasing was complete. Supplies were more balanced to well cleared. Processing schedules for next week were mostly part time. In the parts structure, breast items were tight to sufficient, but becoming more available in some areas. Wings were fully adequate for small sizes, better balanced for jumbos, and dark meat was mostly balanced with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trading reported for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices and mainly higher on new negotiations. The market tone was fully steady. Offerings were tight. Most processors worked reduced slaughter schedules. Sellers held product with extreme confidence. Retail demand good overall. Dealers anticipated close weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - California grown whole body 59 and southern grown 89, leg quarters 29-69, whole legs 79-99, thighs 69-129, drumsticks 69-129, wings 99-129, bone-in breasts 99-149, boneless breasts 175-499, boneless leg meat 98-99, cornish hens 139; Northern California - whole cut-up California grown 99, leg quarters 29, boneless breasts 199-299.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS In Chicago, the preliminary majority for next week's trading was 1 cent higher than prior Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Offerings were limited with buyers by and large satisfied with regular commitments. Retail demand was in a full range, mostly fair with most players indicating somewhat larger orders due to longer weekend. Movement into food service channels was moderate to occasionally good, best into delicatessens and fast food accounts. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate, sizes desirable to light. Parts trading was light and spotty with other protein items in best demand. Supplies were more available on boneless/skinless breasts and wings with the remainder of items in close balance for trade needs. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on wings, about steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good as pipelines were filled entering the lengthened holiday weekend. Supplies were irregular, with 2.5 pound sizes becoming readily available at some locations. The larger birds were at least sufficient. Movement into retail and distributive channels was moderately good. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, all items were usually adequate and clearing well, particularly leg quarters.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good, but generally lacked the aggressiveness expected prior to the holiday lengthened weekend. Offerings were adequate to tight and in the closer balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were irregularly light to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy as several plants planned to operate on Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to closely cleared. Leg quarters were clearing best.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		48-70
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		55.10
NO. OF BOXES		9,397
CUMULATIVE	08/28/00-09/01/00	54.80
	08/30/99-09/03/99	57.80
NO. OF BOXES	08/28/00-09/01/00	46,799
	08/30/99-09/03/99	42,056

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

AUGUST 31, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 01, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	563	155.00-220.00	165-170	167.01	608	155.00-220.00	160-165	164.76	3,042	164.62
TENDERLOINS	162	200.00-245.00	205-210	207.41	284	200.00-245.00	200-210	205.63	1,025	206.68
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	79.00-82.00	79-80	79.40	132	79.00-82.00	80-81	80.82	438	80.68
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				469	73.29
LEGS	86	30.00-41.00	31-34	30.77	87	30.00-41.00	30-32	30.87	431	30.79
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	566	21.00-25.00	22-23	22.22	526	21.00-24.00	22-23	22.32	2,907	22.38
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	25.00-27.00	25-26	25.62	1,400	25.00-27.00	25-26	25.69	6,600	25.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	100	51.00-60.00	55-56	55.48	60	51.00-60.00	-	55.80	470	56.30
WINGS (CUT)	671	65.00-87.00	68-69	74.69	634	67.00-87.00	-	74.80	2,471	72.97
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				30	41.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				30	41.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				64	81.13

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR AUG 31, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

45.50 - 51.00

47.98

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEP 01, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

45.50 - 50.50

47.91

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

47.59

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was moderate to good as dealers secured product and filled pipelines entering the long holiday weekend. Supplies of all items were about adequate to well cleared, with leg quarters and boneless skinless breasts usually garnering the best interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to fairly good. The market tone was steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

SEPTEMBER 01, 2000

AUGUST 31, 2000

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY	
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**			WTD AVG	WTD VOL
BREAST - B/S	155-160	163.92	666,140		160-165	169.74	793,000	165.28	2,985,170	
TENDERLOINS	180-185	209.70	138,520		180-185	209.84	93,080	211.31	544,520	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.54	270,200		74-75	80.00	285,720	81.07	1,342,600	
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	78.00	131,400		74	77.96	129,200	77.98	724,200	
LEGS	33-34	36.94	199,400		33-34	36.09	245,680	36.02	1,160,560	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.73	614,781		25-26	25.82	712,876	24.99	3,165,141	
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	32.69	156,420		29-30	35.10	187,920	33.31	804,780	
THIGHS	27-28	28.67	175,460		27-28	34.75	118,080	31.06	803,850	
B/S THIGHS	77-78	82.52	49,280		77-78	82.56	64,240	81.88	265,900	
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	63.82	381,855		53-54	63.66	369,400	63.95	1,797,315	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.93	80,200		10-12	12.03	80,400	12.26	402,080	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.74	46,000		30-35	34.43	66,480	33.98	270,000	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.83	76,520		40-45	44.92	85,640	44.58	340,560	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	09/01	08/31	08/30	08/29	08/30	08/29	08/25	08/23
ALA	4,147	3,922	3,868	3,904	4.92	4.97	3,996	4.92
ARK	5,228	5,328	5,068	5,209	4.66	4.69	5,879	4.70
DELMARVA	3,041	2,441	2,439	2,373	4.96	5.09	3,021	4.96
KY-LA-TN	2,497	2,028	2,052	2,028	4.31	4.34	2,000	4.25
MISS	3,216	2,742	2,782	2,867	4.82	4.88	2,891	5.03
NC	2,860	2,689	2,595	2,649	5.76	6.01	3,289	5.79
TEXAS	2,439	2,294	2,299	2,251	4.61	4.54	2,362	4.50
TOTAL	23,428	21,444	21,103	21,281	4.86	4.90	23,438	4.89
MON-FRI109,248(A)	107,433(A)							

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01- & 02-Sep-00 is estimated to be 35,051,000 up 12.44 percent from a week ago and up 1.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 34,642,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-Sep-00 is estimated to be 158,214,000 head down 1.5 percent from a week ago, and up 1.4 percent from a year ago (Last week 160,646,000 Last year 156,031,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-105
DRY PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	106-111
ICE PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	94
ICE PACK	98
DRY PACK	149-165
DUCKS	

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending August 19, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	34,631	34,508	43,337
Avg Weight	3.74	4.70	5.97
% of total /1	31%	31%	39%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	38,353	38,735	38,866
Avg Weight	3.72	4.77	5.98
% of total /1	33%	33%	34%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,060	36,720	32,146
Avg Weight	3.75	4.83	6.01
% of total /1	30%	37%	32%
To date/2000	1,094,905	1,097,970	1,350,190
To date/1999	1,084,768	988,283	1,379,043

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	160,646(A)	1,823	1,311	3,134	434
AVG WT	4.91	4.41	8.05	5.93	6.84
LAST WEEK	158,583	1,815	1,526	3,341	445
YR AGO	157,438	1,812	1,546	3,358	428
AVG WT	4.85	3.33	7.94	5.45	6.54
TO-DATE/2000	5,271,757	66,223	48,758	114,981	15,106
TO-DATE/1999	5,163,096	72,642	46,745	119,387	15,006

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.6 million head or 8.3 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: AUG 29, 2000

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.28	Silkie	3.00 - 3.75ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.26	Geese 9-14	.20 - .40
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .34	Pigeons	1.50 - 2.10ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.32 - .48	White Pigeons	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.50 - .74	Rabbits 4-6	.60 - 1.02
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .72	Rabbits 7-11	.60 - .84
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.50 - .94	Bunnies	.50 - 5.50ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.40 - .84	Guinea Pigs	.25 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	.70 - 1.00	Goats	40.00 - 62.00ea.
Banty Roosters	2.50 - 6.00ea.	Kid Goats	28.00 - 35.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.00 - 3.50ea.	Doves	2.50 - 4.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.10 - .22	Pullets 4-6	.70 - .92

Total Coops Sold 674

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 28-AUG-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-65	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83	67-73

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to good. Schedules were full-time to over-time to make up for the upcoming holiday. Sizes were desirable. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 28-AUG-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	22	160.1	158.1	101	4.92
	29	161.2	157.6	102	5.00
AUGUST	5	157.1	157.9	99	4.90
	12	163.3	158.6	103	5.01
	19	160.5	157.2	102	4.83
	26	162.6	154.3	105	4.91
YEAR TO DATE	5338.3	5249.8	102		
SEPTEMBER	2	151.1			
	9	148.8			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	THOUSANDS				
W/E	08/26/00	08/19/00	% CHG	08/28/99	% CHG
Broilers	158,214	160,646*	-02	156,031*	+01
Cattle	717	724	-01	732*	-02
Hogs	1,852	1,889	-02	1,972*	-06

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were irregular, but majorities were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were sufficient for reduced holiday needs. Demand was light to moderate. Undertone was mostly steady. CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

<u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u> <u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u>	<u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u> <u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u>
22-25 MAJORITY 25	25-27.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27.5

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<u>LIGHT CANNER HENS</u> <u>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</u>	<u>HEAVY CANNER HENS</u> <u>(WITHOUT NECKS)</u>
23.75-25 MAJORITY 25	25.5-28.5 MAJORITY 27-28

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Supplies were occasionally short to adequate for processors needs. Demand was light and unaggressive as finished product sales were slow but clearing. Processing schedules for next week were short due in part to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of light fowl. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate for the mostly moderate demand. A few spent hens continue to go into rendering facilities. Trade sentiment steady at best.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked close to desired schedules. Offerings spotty.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy f.o.b. plant	TFEWR (2)	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	(1)	TFEWR
No. Central Light	0-.25 (2)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair but still unaggressive as offerings were adequate to ample for holiday schedules. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were supported by commodity purchases and increases in seasonal demand. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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